

Towards end of 1776

British forces were closing in on Philadelphia; Congress moved to Baltimore taking along the records including the "Declaration" in a baggage wagon.

Dec 25, 1776

Crossing of the Delaware  
American revolutionary troops  
led by Gen George Washington  
crossed the ice Delaware River  
on Christmas night Dec. 25, 1776  
to make the famous early  
morning raid on Hessian  
at Trenton, N. J.

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Gibbon's 'Decline & Fall of the Roman  
Empire'

Apr 3, 1776

George Washington received an honorary  
doctor of laws degree from Harvard College.

Sept 9, 1776

The Term "United States" became  
official

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German Protestants had been using the old reckoning of Easter until 1776 when they started on the new reckoning

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The new nationalism allowed you to conjure a nation's existence by uttering its name. American settlers showed the way by revolting against the British and, in 1776, declaring the independence of the United States of America. The British consoled themselves by colonizing Australia in 1788.